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Highlights of the Exposure Factors Handbook: 2011 Update

Release of Final Report

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the release of the report *Highlights of the Exposure Factors Handbook: 2011 Update*. The *Highlights of the Exposure Factors Handbook: 2011 Update* provides a summary of the recommended exposure factors extracted from the *Exposure Factors Handbook* published on September 30, 2011. The *Highlights* document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development. The parent *Exposure Factors Handbook* provides detailed data and analyses on various physiological and behavioral factors commonly used in assessing exposure to environmental chemicals.

The *Highlights of the Exposure Factors Handbook: 2011 Update* (EPA/600/R-10/030) is available via the Internet at www.epa.gov/ncea.

DATES: This report was posted publically on October 13, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The report is available primarily via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's home page under the Recent Additions and Publications menus at www.epa.gov/ncea. A limited number of printed copies will be available from the Information Management Team, NCEA; telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a printed copy, please provide your name, your mailing address, and the document title.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Information about the Project/Document

The *Highlights of the Exposure Factors Handbook* was developed to provide a brief overview of the content of the *Exposure Factors Handbook: 2011 Edition* and to facilitate access to its exposure factors recommendations. As such, it contains a subset of the information provided in the *Handbook*. Excerpts of each chapter of the *Handbook* and summaries of key recommendations are provided. This *Highlights* document is intended for use by exposure assessors, within the Agency as well as those outside, as a reference tool and source of summary information of exposure factors information. It may be used by scientists, economists, and other

interested parties as a source of data and/or U.S. EPA recommendations on numeric estimates for behavioral and physiological characteristics needed to estimate exposure to environmental agents.

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